

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/AU2005/000035

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. <sup>7</sup>: G01N 21/35, G01J 3/42, 3/45, G08G 5/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

- DWPI; SO<sub>2</sub> OR SULPHUR DIOXIDE; WATER OR H<sub>2</sub>O OR CLOUD? OR MOISTURE OR HUMIDITY; DETECT+ OR IMAG+ OR SENS+ OR DISTINGUISH+ OR IDENTIF+OR G01N-021/IC; INFRARED OR IR OR TIR; TERRESTRIAL OR AIRBORNE OR AHEAD OR SKY OR "GROUND BASED", SUBTRACT+ OR COMPENSAT+ OR CORRECT+ OR DISCRIMINAT+ OR ELIMINAT+; SPECTR+, +BAND+ OR WAVENUMBER? OR WAVELENGTH? OR ABSORPTION OR EMISSION OR FEATURE? OR SIGNATURE? OR LINE? OR FREQUENC+ OR FILTER+ OR +CHANNEL? OR MULTISPECTR+ and similar keywords
- Google Scholar: SULPHUR DIOXIDE; WATER; DETECT; THERMAL INFRARED and similar combinations of keywords

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	PRATA A. J., ROSE W.I., SELF S. and O'BRIEN D.M., Global, Long-Term Sulphur Dioxide Measurements From TOVS Data: A New Tool for Studying Explosive Volcanism and Climate, <i>Volcanism and the Earth's Atmosphere</i> , Alan Robock, Clive Oppenheimer, editors; Geophysical Monograph 139, ISBN 0-87590-998-1; Copyright 2003 by the American Geophysical Union; pages 75-92, see in particular Figure 1 and its description; section 3, including subsections 3.3-3.4	1-20



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C



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Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member			
US	5654700	AU	76657/91	CA	2079812
		HK	1002938	SG	46261
		WO	9115739	EP	0525007
US	3805074	US	5602543	FR	2212927
		CA	1011129	DE	2362935
JP	60011122	JP	49099082		
EP	0087077	DE	3206427	JP	58156837
US	6822236	US	6750453		
Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.					
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C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5654700 A (PRATA et al.) 5 August 1997 The whole document and in particular the paragraph bridging columns 4 and 5, Figure 5, Claims 10 and 17	1-20
P, X	WATSON I.M., REALMUTO V.J., ROSE W.L., PRATA A.J., BLUTH G.J.S., GU Y., BADER C.E., YU T., Thermal infrared remote sensing of volcanic emissions using the moderate resolution imaging spectroradiometer, <i>Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research</i> 135 (2004) pages 75-89, (available online from 18 May 2004); see Figure 1(D) and Table 1 (channels 28 and 29)	1-20
A	PUGNAGHI S., TEGGI S., CORRADINI S., BUONGIORNO M.F., MERUCCI L., BOGLIOLO M.P., Estimation of SO <sub>2</sub> abundance in the eruption plume of Mt. Etna using two MIVIS thermal infrared channels: a case study from the Sicily-1997 Campaign, <i>Bull Volcanol</i> (2002) 64, pages 328-337, see abstract	
A	US 3805074 A (MCCORMACK) 16 April 1974 Abstract, columns 5-6	
A	Patents Abstracts of Japan JP 60-011122 A (SHIMADZU CORP) 21 January 1985 Abstract	
A	Derwent Abstract Accession No 83-754335/36, Class S03, EP 0087077 A (SIEMENS AG) 31 August 1983 Abstract	
P, A	US 6822236 B1 (NELSON et al.) 23 November 2004 Abstract, Column 5, lines 12-21 and entire Column 8	

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<b>0-1</b>	International Application No.	
<b>0-2</b>	International Filing Date	
<b>0-3</b>	Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"	
<b>0-4</b>	<b>Form PCT/RO/101 PCT Request</b>	
<b>0-4-1</b>	Prepared Using	PCT-SAFE [EASY mode] Version 3.50 (Build 0002.163)
<b>0-5</b>	<b>Petition</b> The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
<b>0-6</b>	<b>Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)</b>	Australian Patent Office (RO/AU)
<b>0-7</b>	<b>Applicant's or agent's file reference</b>	FP21044
<b>I</b>	<b>Title of Invention</b>	SULPHUR DIOXIDE DETECTION METHOD
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V-1	<b>The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.</b>		
VI-1	<b>Priority claim of earlier national application</b>		
VI-1-1	Filing date	16 January 2004 (16.01.2004)	
VI-1-2	Number	2004900213	
VI-1-3	Country	AU	
VI-2	<b>Priority document request</b> The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1	
VII-1	<b>International Searching Authority Chosen</b>	Australian Patent Office (ISA/AU)	
VIII	<b>Declarations</b>	Number of declarations	
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-	
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-	
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-	

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IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	3	✓
IX-2	Description	12	-
IX-3	Claims	3	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	✓
IX-5	Drawings	4	-
IX-7	TOTAL	23	
	<b>Accompanying Items</b>	<b>paper document(s) attached</b>	<b>electronic file(s) attached</b>
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-17	PCT-SAFE physical media	-	✓
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	1	
IX-20	Language of filing of the International application	English	
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10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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